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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 2380F PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US 03/ 11769	International filing date (day/month/year) 16/04/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 03/05/2002
Applicant ALCON, INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

METHOD OF TREATING VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR MEDIATED VASCULAR DISORDERS USING AMFENAC OR NEPAFENAC

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☒ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61K31/165 A61K31/196 A61P27/02 A61P27/06

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K A61P

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, MEDLINE, BIOSIS, PAJ, WPI Data, EMBASE, PASCAL, CHEM ABS Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/037929 A1 (GRAFF GUSTAV ET AL) 28 March 2002 (2002-03-28) column 2-3 example 1 claims 1-9	1-10
X,P	--- TAKAHASHI KYOICHI ET AL: "Topical nepafenac inhibits ocular neovascularization." INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY & VISUAL SCIENCE. UNITED STATES JAN 2003, vol. 44, no. 1, January 2003 (2003-01), pages 409-415, XP009013970 ISSN: 0146-0404 page 409 page 412-414 --- -/--	1-10

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *&* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

6 October 2003

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
✓ X,P	<p>DATABASE BIOSIS 'Online! BIOSCIENCES INFORMATION SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA, US; 2002 PENN J S ET AL: "Studies of the Effect and Mechanism of Action of Topical Nepafenac in a Rat Model of ROP." Database accession no. PREV200300154861 XP002247860 abstract & ARVO ANNUAL MEETING ABSTRACT SEARCH AND PROGRAM PLANNER, vol. 2002, 2002, page Abstract No. 2741 Annual Meeting of the Association For Research in Vision and Ophthalmology;Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA; May 05-10, 2002</p>	1-10
✓ X,P	<p>DATABASE BIOSIS 'Online! BIOSCIENCES INFORMATION SERVICE, PHILADELPHIA, PA, US; 2002 BINGAMAN D P ET AL: "Topical Ocular Delivery of Nepafenac Inhibits Preretinal Neovascularization." Database accession no. PREV200300165352 XP002247861 abstract & ARVO ANNUAL MEETING ABSTRACT SEARCH AND PROGRAM PLANNER, vol. 2002, 2002, page Abstract No. 3920 Annual Meeting of the Association For Research in Vision and Ophthalmology;Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA; May 05-10, 2002</p>	1-10
✓ Y	<p>KWAK N ET AL: "VEGF is major stimulator in model of choroidal neovascularization." INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY & VISUAL SCIENCE. UNITED STATES SEP 2000, vol. 41, no. 10, September 2000 (2000-09), pages 3158-3164, XP009013972 ISSN: 0146-0404 page 3161 -page 3162</p>	1-10
Y	<p>WO 01 15744 A (BRIGHAM & WOMENS HOSPITAL) 8 March 2001 (2001-03-08) page 9 page 3</p>	1-10
A,P	<p>WO 02 078681 A (ALCON INC ;GRAFF GUSTAV (US); HELLBERG MARK R (US); YANNI JOHN M ()) 10 October 2002 (2002-10-10) page 5 example 2</p>	1-10

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Present claims 1 and 3 refer to vascular diseases defined by reference to a biological mechanism - vascular endothelial growth factor mediated vascular disorders.

The claims cover all the conditions mediated by this mechanism, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such conditions. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely for the search term "vascular disorders" and for the diseases mentioned in claims 2 and 4.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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			CA 2381926 A1	08-03-2001
			EP 1212101 A1	12-06-2002
			JP 2003508453 T	04-03-2003
			WO 0115744 A1	08-03-2001
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			US 2002183376 A1	05-12-2002